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Influenza cases reported last week in San Diego County

SECOND WAVE OF FLU CASES GROWS

20 additional deaths reported last week in San Diego County

BY PAUL SISSON

Though the numbers are not nearly as big as they were in late December and early January, the flu is showing a secondary surge in San Diego County, according to an update released Wednesday by the county health department.

The report lists 941 cases reported last week, nearly 100 cases more than the previous week, with 20 additional deaths reported. The latest fatalities include a 37-year-old man from inland North County who was not vaccinated but who did have other underlying medical conditions.

Nationwide flu concern intensified this week with a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report finding that half of the children who died from the flu from 2010 to 2016 had no other pre-existing medical conditions.

These children, researchers found, tended to have lower vaccination rates than their peers who did have other medical problems, and they tended to die more often before being admitted to hospitals.

Their findings, said Dr. John Bradley, director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Rady Children's

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17 KILLED IN SHOOTING AT SCHOOL IN FLORIDA



JOEL AUERBACH AP

Parents wait for news on their children after a gunman opened fire Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., killing at least 17 people. The shooter was armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle.

GUNMAN FIRED ON STUDENTS, TEACHERS SCURRYING FOR COVER

BY AUDRA D.S. BURCH & PATRICIA MAZZEI

PARKLAND, Fla.

A heavily armed young man barged into his former high school about an hour northwest of Miami on Wednesday, opening fire on terrified students and teachers and leaving a death toll of 17 that could rise even higher, authorities said.

Students huddled in horror in their classrooms, with some of

them training their cellphones on the carnage, capturing sprawled bodies, screams and gunfire that began with a few shots and then continued with more and more. The dead included students and adults, some of whom were shot outside the school and others inside the sprawling three-story building.

The gunman, armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle, was identified as Nikolas Cruz, 19, who

had been expelled from the school, authorities said. He began his shooting rampage outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in a suburban neighborhood shortly before dismissal time around 2:40 p.m. He then made his way inside and proceeded down hallways he knew well, firing at students and teachers who were scurrying for cover, the authorities said.

"Oh my God! Oh my God!" one

student yelled over and over in one video circulating on social media, as more than 40 gunshots boomed in the background.

By the end of the rampage, Cruz had killed 12 people inside the school and three outside it, including someone standing on a street corner, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said. Two more victims died of their injuries in local hospitals. The aftermath at the

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PRESIDENT, SENATE GROUP CLASH ON IMMIGRATION BILL

BY ED O'KEEFE & DAVID NAKAMURA

WASHINGTON

A bipartisan group of senators reached a deal on immigration Wednesday as President Donald Trump attempted to preemptively undercut the proposal by delivering an ultimatum:

Pass my plan or risk a veto.

The self-dubbed "Common Sense Caucus" of senators late Wednesday circulated legislation that would fulfill Trump's calls to grant legal status to 1.8 million young immigrants and would appropriate \$25 billion for southern border security construction proj-

ects over the next decade — not immediately, as Trump wants. The bill also would curb family-based immigration programs, but not to the extent Trump is seeking, and would not end a diversity visa lottery program that he wants eliminated.

Word of an agreement

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POLICY CUTS LENGTH OF BORDER VISITS

No more than 10 can gather near U.S.-Mexico fence

BY KATE MORRISSEY

Family members have gathered for years at Friendship Park to share quiet conversations and "pinky kisses" through met-

al mesh fencing that separates San Diego and Tijuana. A new Border Patrol policy now limits those visits to 30 minutes.

Under the new policy, a spokesman for the San Diego sector confirmed, no more than 10 people can be in the area, which sits between two border enforcement fences, at the same time.

Photos and videos in the space are prohibited, and the public is no longer allowed in the binational garden.

The park, at the edge of Border Field State Park, in the southwestern corner of San Diego, is open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. That has not changed

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



"I have grown and changed as a person, as we all grow and change, and am proud of who I am today." Shaun White

WHITE REGRETS PAST BEHAVIOR AS HARASSMENT CLAIM REVIVED

BY JAKE SEINER

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea

Carlsbad's Shaun White apologized after dismissing the sexual misconduct allegations made against him in a 2016 lawsuit filed in San Diego as "gossip" shortly after winning his third Olympic gold medal in the men's halfpipe.

White has been the world's dominant snowboarder for more than a decade, winning Olympic gold medals in 2006, 2010 and again this year, completing a comeback after finishing fourth in the 2014 Winter Olympics.

As White was competing Wednesday, many on social media resurfaced the details from the lawsuit by a

former drummer in White's rock band, Bad Things. Lena Zawaideh said White sexually harassed her and refused to pay her wages after he fired her. The lawsuit was settled in May for an undisclosed amount.

White was asked during

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